

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1017

Introduced by: Representatives Van Gerpen, Adelstein, Bartling, Begalka, Bradford, Buckingham, Burg, Christensen, Cradduck, Cutler, Davis, Deadrick (Thomas), Dykstra, Elliott, Engels, Frost, Garnos, Gillespie, Hargens, Haverly, Hennies, Hundstad, Hunhoff, Juhnke, Klaudt, Kroger, Lange, McCoy, McLaughlin, Michels, Miles, Murschel, Nesselhuf, O'Brien, Olson (Mel), Olson (Ryan), Putnam, Rhoden, Sebert, Sigdestad, Smidt, Solum, Valandra, Weems, and Williamson and Senators Kloucek, Albers, Dempster, Duenwald, Duniphan, Greenfield, Jaspers, Kleven, Kooistra, Kurtenbach, Moore, Nachtigal, Olson (Ed), and Reedy

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Congratulating the city of Marion on its quasiquicentennial celebration.

WHEREAS, Marion was named in honor of Marion Merrill, a daughter of S. S. Merrill, who was an official of the Milwaukee Railroad. First known as Marion Junction due to the building of the Running Water branch which made Marion the junction of the main line and the branch, Marion continues to prosper, in part due to the rail service that is available to the city; and

WHEREAS, Marion became an important trade center for the pioneers and has maintained a strong business community with one of the largest grain terminals and fertilizer distribution centers in South Dakota. Marion is a growing community situated in a progressive farming area. Within the city limits of Marion you will find businesses to help you with your financial, health, food, and other necessary essentials; and

WHEREAS, the people of Marion have demonstrated a strong community spirit in supporting local programs, sports, and other school events and are proud of their parks and school system. The community responds well to the needs of others through their local organizations and churches, making it the right place to call home:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Seventy-ninth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the city of Marion be honored on the occasion of its quasiquicentennial celebration on June 18, 19, and 20 in the year 2004.